



CENTRAL STATES MISSION NOTES

The following elders having done good and faithful work in the field have been released to return to their homes in the west: James S. Crane, Mark F. Hickson, Archie Frame, Earl F. Carlisle, Charles D. McLane, George W. Perry and William E. Jenkins. Elder Crane has for some time past been presiding over the North Texas conference and has had charge of the building of the new church at Kelsey. He is succeeded by Elder George S. Harris. Elder Hickson who was president of the South Texas conference is succeeded by Elder James D. Pratt.

The past week has marked several changes in various parts of the mission. Jan. 15, seven new elders registered at the office and have been assigned as follows: Rulon E. Mortensen of Sanford, Colo., to St. John conference; Milton J. Richardson of Kansas, to the Oklahoma conference; William B. White of Salt Lake City, to North Texas conference; William B. White of Salt Lake City, to North Texas conference; Richard A. Cook of Murray, Utah, to Missouri conference.

Elder James W. Brown who has been laboring in the Louisiana conference has been called to Arkansas to preside over that conference. Elder William Jacobson who has been laboring at Kelsey is transferred to the Arkansas conference.

Reports from the elders in various parts of the field are much better than usual. Distribution of literature has been better the past week than for a long time. There is also a marked increase in the number of meetings being held.

EDUCATION OF CHURCH AT KELSEY

President Charles H. Hart of the First Church of Seventy, Mission President of London, retiring Mission Secretary A. T. Butterfield, Elder Elliot J. Lee, and Sisters Ida Young and Fern Chapman, left Independence, Jan. 13, to attend conference and the dedicatory services to be held in the new church of the Kelsey branch on the 15th and 16th of January. This is one of the largest branches of the Church outside the stakes of Zion—the colony numbering over 500 people.

After a pleasant ride through the Ozark mountains and the piney woods of Texas the company arrived at Kelsey Friday evening in time to enjoy the little production, "School Days at Hickory Hollow," given by the Kelsey school, under the supervision of Elder Thomas Smith. The house was comfortably filled, and altogether the affair was a complete success.

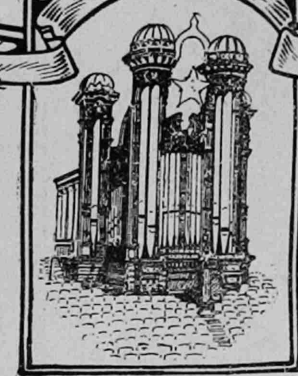
Saturday morning was devoted to Priesthood meetings of the local brethren and traveling elders of the North Texas conference. Reports given showed that an active work is being done by Saints in the local branch. Elder Hart and Bannion gave timely instructions and words of encouragement. In the afternoon and evening the house was well filled with friends and friends of Kelsey and neighboring towns. The visiting brethren occupied most of the time.

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Sabbath school was held. The visitors were more than surprised with the attendance of bright, intelligent children and young people. The parents' class was remarkably well attended. After the regular conference. Several interesting talks were given. Sisters Young and Chapman gave the young people some timely and interesting information concerning the Sabbath school work.

In the afternoon services, most of the time was taken up in doctrinal discourses by the elders. The dedicatory prayer which was offered by President Charles H. Hart was very impressive, full of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and a petition for a continuation of his divine blessings. A spiritual session in the evening completed the conference.

A splendid spirit prevailed throughout all the meetings and many words of commendation were given the elders and saints for their untiring efforts in the creation of their magnificent church.

The church building is beautifully located on a hill in the center of Kelsey, where it can be seen from afar as an example of Mormon integrity and industry. The building is 50 feet wide by 85 feet long. The main auditorium



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For the convenience of travelers the Deseret News gives here with the addresses of the various missions of the Church where this paper will always be found on file, and where travelers will receive courteous attention:

New York City—23 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth St. Chicago—149 So. Paulina St. San Francisco—1443 Baker St. Los Angeles—423 West Tenth St.

Denver—622 West Sixth Ave. Portland, Ore.—562 E. Main St. Independence, Mo.—302 South Pleasant St.

Mexico—Calauda Sta. Maria (a rodonda) num. 23 (altos), D. F. London, England—Dexter High Road, South Tottenham, n. London.

Liverpool, England—295 Edge Lane. Bristol—10 Albert Place, Cheltenham, England.

Copenhagen—Korsgade 11. Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgatan 3. Honolulu—Punchbowl St.

Tokyo, Japan—31 Yakujimae Machi, Ushigome Ku. Toronto, Canada—659 Bathurst St.

Rotterdam, Holland—Cruiswischsingel 8. New Zealand—53 Upper Queen street, or P. O. box, 72, Auckland.

Australia—"Victory," Penell St., Newton, Sydney.

has a seating capacity of 600 people. The rostrum, in one end, for the choir and presiding elders, will seat 50. In addition, it has four class rooms that will seat 50 each. The church was erected in about five months at an approximate cost of \$5,400. It is a frame structure lined with brick and a finishing sheet steel which is decorated to give a beautiful effect. The work was under the direction of Elders Archie Frame and Benjamin F. LeBaron, the former having charge of all carpenter work, and the latter the painting. Elders James S. Crane, Timothy Jones, William R. Riggs, O. W. Hughes and the local brethren were also willing helpers. The house is well heated, and lighted throughout with gas. A new organ was purchased for the building and a beautiful silver sacrament set was presented by the Relief Society.

The saints appreciate very much what has been done for them. Altogether the building is indeed a credit to Kelsey, as well as to all Latter-day Saints.

CALIFORNIA MISSION NOTES.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 28.—Our average working force for the year 1908 was 28 elders and for the year 1909 33 elders, an increase of nine, but the increase in work done exceeds this proportion by far, as will be seen by the following figures:

	1908.	1909.
Hours tracing	3,250	12,431
Families visited	20,738	42,155
Families revisited (non members)	7,947	15,795
Number gospel conversations	16,256	26,375
Tracts distributed	41,992	73,219
Books distributed	No report	10,567
Baptisms	1,330	2,213
Children blessed	54	65
Local membership Dec. 31.	1,149	1,274

Jan. 8, 1910, President Joseph E. Robinson and Elder R. F. Burton went to San Diego, and on the following day Sunday, partly reorganized the San

Diego branch, which has been without a president since the death of President Clarence E. Hunt last October. George C. Owenby, who was a counselor to President Hunt, was sustained as president of the branch. His counselors have not yet been chosen.

Jan. 16, 1910, President Robinson organized a branch in the little colony on the Rillito river near Tucson, Ariz., giving it the name of Binghamton. Heber Erastus Farr was made president of the branch with Frederick Granger Williams as first counselor. Frank Webb was sustained as Sunday school superintendent with Joseph A. Furr as first assistant and Clara C. Bingham as secretary and treasurer. There are about 50 members, all told, in Binghamton at present with prospects of others coming in soon, which will make this both a strong and attractive little branch.

Elders Seymour Oliphant and Chas. R. Ashcroft left Los Angeles Jan. 21 for Tucson and vicinity to do missionary work. These are the only elders laboring in Arizona at present, but it is expected that others will be sent there soon.

Every year quite a number of the saints come to Los Angeles and vicinity from the northern stakes of Zion to spend the winter months, and this winter we again have the pleasure of meeting a number of our friends from home. Among them are Patriarch Angus M. Cannon and wife, George C. Lambert and members of his family, John T. Caine and Junius F. Wells, all of Salt Lake City, William Driver and wife of Ogden, and President William W. Burton and wife of Afton, Wyo.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 25 a very entertaining musical program was rendered under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement association.

Elder Frank W. Newman of Murray, Utah, arrived at Los Angeles, Jan. 16.

REUBEN F. BURTON, Mission Secretary.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

A Man From Kurdistan—"We were recently paid a visit by a young man from Kurdistan, Turkey in Asia, who is in the United States upon our religious mission. He asked many questions on authority and the Godhead, and in his search for truth said he was surprised to find what a goodly share the Mormons had. He accepted the Book of Mormon as truth on the grounds that it is the only history we have of the Indians. We returned him a receipt of a letter from our friends and asked to come again. He appears to love the truth and wants to find it even though he has to travel from sea to sea to do it"—thus write Elders Levi Porritt and M. Smith, of the East Iowa conference.

From the Shores of Lake Superior—"We are having a good time in this city and have so many friends in Duluth that it keeps us busy day and night visiting them. We are looking to the time when a nice branch of the church will be organized here, the beginning of which rests upon our efforts. By the help of the Lord we are trying to do our part."—Elders H. G. Hughes and O. A. Iverson, Minnesota conference.

Spirit of Rock Island Branch—"We have been out every night this week and have had some very fine gospel conversations. The saints here in the Rock Island branch are going right ahead and everything looks bright. Before long we hope to have a large number of saints here and a chapel of our own."—Elders J. W. Moat, lister and C. W. Bodily, East Iowa conference.

From West Iowa—Pres. E. B. Clark from West Iowa sends the following: "Enclosed find clipping from a paper published in Hull, Sioux county, Iowa, where Elders Joseph H. Gold and Arthur H. Anderson have recently been laboring. Whenever the elders have visited Hull, they have been kindly treated by the people and the elders have succeeded in making some good substantial friends.

"The elders left the city for a few days when a minister announced to the public that he would show the other side of Mormonism. The elders returned in time to see and hear his so-called exposure, which consisted of a stereotyped lecture of the foulest and most untruthful description. At the close of the meeting the elders reminded the lecturer that he could not prove the first thing he had said or illustrated with his pictures. A short discussion ensued, in which the minister became confused and the elders gained the sympathy of the crowd who remained.

"While tracing some two weeks ago I met a man who had been in the employ of the city police for 20 years, and a staunch member of the Methodist church. He was much interested in my message and accepted a copy of the Book of Mormon. Of late I met the gentleman on the street and was recognized by him, and an interesting conversation was had. He offered to loan him his Book of Mormon and accept of my buy one, and in reply he said, he would not read any more as he had almost been convinced by what he had read and heard that the church was the truth and it might make him dissatisfied with his church and he had raised a large family to believe that the Methodist was the only true church, and he was afraid they would lose confidence in him if he changed. 'If I were a younger man,' he said, 'I would by all means buy all your books and accept your doctrine if I thought it was true.' My reasoning with him how that he might save himself and also show his children the way to the tree of life, only brought from the good man a hearty handshake and a wish of God speed."

Maine—A great Chapman-Alexander revival is in progress in Portland and the elders laboring in that city are taking advantage of the existing religious fervor and are doing a wonderful work. The church is being renewed energy on the principle that it pays to "strike when the iron is hot."

While tracing in Augusta Elders Archie Frame and Benjamin F. LeBaron met a gentleman who was on the same business, but representing the Baptist church. The elders explained their mission and after a short talk were invited by the gentleman to attend evangelistic mission meeting that night. Elder Southwick accepted and had the privilege of talking to the people and bearing his testimony to those present. After the meeting he had a pleasant discussion with some two or three ministers who were in attendance and upon leaving received a hearty invitation to return.

All of the elders of the conference write encouragingly in regard to their work. Elder Chester, who was transferred from West Virginia has arrived and has been assigned to labor in Waterville with Elders Henry M. Beers and Elders A. G. Jewkes and Arthur C. Wilson have been sent to Rockland to open up the work in that city.

New England—Since the conference the elders have been assigned to their new fields of labor and a good work is being accomplished in all the fields of labor. Elder James B. McQueen who has labored in Lynn for 14 months was assigned to labor in a new field

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and afterwards congratulated the elders for the stand they took to defend themselves and the people whom they represented. The next issue of the paper contained a statement to the effect that he did not know the Mormon elders would be present.

At a subsequent meeting, which had been previously announced, seven people turned out and listened to the reading of a story of the missionaries' struggles in the intermountain region, written by Rev. Josiah McLean of Salt Lake City, Utah, and published in the Assembly Herald of December, 1909. The fair-minded people were disgusted as he allowed his better judgment to be dethroned while he exhibited his spleen and hatred towards what he thought to be an unpopular cause.

Chicago Conference Notes—The Mutual Improvement association enjoyed a lecture Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, on the "Turkish Young Party," given by Mr. George Barsom, a native of Turkey. Mr. Barsom is a Chicago business man as well as a missionary for the Turkish Young Party, and has a knowledge of Turkish habits and customs made him an able missionary for his people. One could not listen to the lecture without feeling proud of our country and especially of our political and religious liberty as well as educational advantages.

Elder John T. Flake, who has labored in the field in this conference for 27 months in southern Illinois has been released to return home.

Northern Indiana—During the month of December the work has progressed at a pleasingly rapid rate, and from all parts of the conference expressions of cheer and encouragement. The elders have enjoyed excellent health and have succeeded in forming a new acquaintance with the people of the several districts. From nearly all the elders come reports of new-found friends and prospective converts.

At the end of the year each elder is able to look back on his attempts and feel that God has truly blessed him abundantly, and he feels fully paid for his labors. He has seen his many friends earnestly striving to live the truths he has brought to them. The year's work has resulted in a bright report for the conference, but if progress had been made, it would be far outstrip 1909 in showing the progress of God's work and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Hoosier state.—D. A. Banks, president North Indiana conference.

JOHN P. MUIRE, Mission Secretary.

HISTORY OF EASTERN STATES MISSION

Brooklyn Conference—The elders of the Brooklyn conference in the priesthood meeting held Jan. 18, report a great deal of success in their work, and that they are doing a good deal of good in the city.

Writing from Wheeling state that they had recently met a very old man who had heard President Brigham Young preach many times in South Wales, and testified that President Young was truly a wonderful man and one who spoke with great power.

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South West Virginia—The work of reorganizing the Sunday schools of this conference is in process of completion and it is expected that before long they will all be taking up the same line of work in such a way that the best results will be forthcoming.

Opposition to the rapidly growing spirit of truth and it is the same old story over again—the people are now beginning to be interested in the doctrines of the church and are endeavoring to correct ideas from our old teachings. The elders in the cities of Charleston and Huntington are "making good" in distributing a great deal of literature and selling a goodly number of books.

Vermont—President Louis W. Larson writes: "We are making an extra effort in our conference to hold successful meetings and are doing so with fair success. The elders in St. Albans report success in their labors, as do also the Burlington elders, who are holding successful cottage meetings. That and all the noble of the earth opened up the work in the city of Rutland and report that they are being given a fair and respectful hearing by the people. They called upon an old gentleman who had been a member of the patriarchy. He had nothing but good to say of the Mormon people, and upon his request, was supplied with a copy of the Book of Mormon, and is now very much interested in the work. Elders Elmer L. Rose and Chas. Moser have started to retract the city of Montpelier, and many homes have been thrown open to receive them and they intend holding many cottage meetings among the saints and friends.

Rhode Island—A priesthood meeting was recently held at the headquarters of the conference, 315 Broadway, at which President Rich gave some good instruction to the elders. All the elders bore humble and strong testimony of the truth of the work and their great desire to do all they could to spread it. The semi-annual conference of the Rhode Island conference convened at 2:45 p. m. at the "American hall," which was filled to overflowing with saints and friends. President Rich was the principal speaker and delivered a powerful address on the restored gospel. John A. Smellie of the mission office was also in attendance and spoke of the greatness of the latter-day work.

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at Lowell, Mass.—Elders Thos. A. Spaulman and Geo. W. Brimhall are opening up the work in the city of Brockton, which has a population of about 35,000, and has not been worked by our elders for some years. Elder Walter A. Hancock, who is doing a most excellent work, writes: "I met recently a time ago, and who purchased a Book of Mormon, which she had read and from it gained testimony of its truth and was very desirous of attending some of our meetings."

New Hampshire—Elder J. Perry Howell writes from Nashua that while tracing the other day he called upon one of the teachers of the "Teachers Union" of Nashua, who stated that she had "Voice of Warning" which has helped her very much in the preparation of her lessons. She also told him that she had a sister in California who was very much enthused over the work being done by the church there and had advised her sister in Nashua that if she ever had a chance to hear any of the "Mormon" elders, to listen to them, so when Howell called she was very glad to have the chance to hear what our teachings are. The ministers of the city of Nashua have been very courteous to the elders, and have invited them to speak to their congregations and he writes that a very good impression has been made. The elders are making many friends and doing a good work visiting among old friends.

New York—Elder Chas. L. Weed, who for the past seven months has labored so nobly in this conference as president of the same, has been released to return to his home in Salt Lake City, for which place he left last Saturday. Elder Weed has been a faithful worker in the cause and we regret very much his departure. Elder George F. Conrad, who has labored for the past twenty months in the Southwest Va. conference, has been chosen to succeed Elder Weed.

There seems to be an awakening in the city of Albany and the elders are kept very busy in keeping the appointments to explain the gospel to different friends and investigators. The past year has been one of the best in the history of the city, and the elders and they look forward for a much greater work to be done during the year of 1910.

West Pennsylvania—Recently Mr. Kirk, of Brunots Island, sent for the Mormon elders, he having heard some things of their belief, to come and see him, and his little daughter, who was seriously afflicted, and all hopes for her recovery had been abandoned by the doctors. Two of the elders responded and after performing the laying on of hands, the child began to improve and the next day was running around playing and singing and saying she was glad she was well.

When the elders called the next evening the child had been more than pleased to have them return at any time as he desired to learn more of their doctrine. Several of the local brethren have been meeting with the elders and are spreading the message in their respective localities. The Reform Church in Corvallis, Md., was opened to Elders Collins and Andrew and Isaac Collins and their meetings were held. A meeting was held in the Methodist church in the same place—many becoming interested and getting literature of the brethren.

North West Virginia—The elders are all safely located in their various fields and are settled down for a good work. Elders Wilford A. Heninger and Verna G. Ashcraft, writing from Wheeling state that they had recently met a very old man who had heard President Brigham Young preach many times in South Wales, and testified that President Young was truly a wonderful man and one who spoke with great power.

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